

Mississippi River Davenport



Scott County
I-80 westbound at milepost 300
Artist: David Dahlquist
Completed: December 2001



At this new generation Iowa rest area, the site takes the most creative steps to appear unique. The designer used industrial building materials and color schemes, and art pieces with massive steel beams of black and gray, to mimic the character of the Mississippi riverfront.

Inside the building the upper wall mural depicts a vehicle-rail bridge. The two lower murals allow visitors to imagine "locking" through a Mississippi River dam. Tiles placed in the walls contain trivia about the Mississippi River. The map on the floor shows your location, as well as the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers' survey marker.

